

Crisfield's Automated Speed Enforcement Program Frequently Asked Questions

<p>What is The City of Crisfield Automated Speed Enforcement Program?</p>	<p>The City of Crisfield Automated Speed Enforcement is a program run by the Crisfield Police Department. The City of Crisfield Automated Speed Enforcement Program is a safety program focused on changing driver behavior through a comprehensive effort involving engineering, education, and enforcement. The City of Crisfield Automated Speed Enforcement Program uses automated speed enforcement to enhance the safety of motorists and pedestrians within the incorporated limits of The City of Crisfield.</p>
<p>What are the guiding principles of The City of Crisfield Automated Speed Enforcement Program?</p>	<p>The City of Crisfield's Police Department program principles are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Clearly identify and effectively communicate speed-related safety problems to the public. •Make Automated Speed Enforcement sites visible to road users through signing and media outlets. •Deploy Automated Speed Enforcement in school zones where they fulfill a bona-fide need. •Ensure a fair program by deploying Automated Speed Enforcement only after careful consideration and study. •Determine the effectiveness of the program through continuous, ongoing evaluations.
<p>How does the Program Work?</p>	<p>Automated speed enforcement systems are deployed throughout The City of Crisfield, Maryland and complement the existing speed enforcement efforts of The City of Crisfield Police Department. School zones must be within the incorporated limits of the City of Crisfield.</p> <p>Automated speed enforcement systems are comprised of a speed measurement device, camera, and a computer. Speed measuring devices identify motorists traveling 12mph or more over the posted speed limit. Cameras capture license plate images of violations and computers record all of the relevant data associated with the violation. When a speed violation occurs, the automated speed enforcement equipment records:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The date • The time • The speed of the vehicle <p>A citation that includes images of the violating vehicle is then mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle. Once the violator receives the citation, payment, request for appeal, or written correspondence can be mailed to The City of Crisfield Automated Speed Enforcement Program, P.O. Box 5046 Hagerstown, MD 21741</p>
How are sites selected?	<p>A variety of factors are used to determine the automated speed enforcement deployment locations, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location of school zone (e.g., must be on a street/ with a posted speed limit, spreading out sites to achieve maximum effect, etc.) • Safety Data (e.g. children exposure /risk, congestion, crash history, violation history, etc.) • Temporary Traffic Control Set-up (e.g., number of lanes, time of day, duration of school, etc.)
How does the camera know when a violation occurred?	<p>A speed measuring device is aimed across the road and determines the speed of the vehicles that pass through it. If the detected speed is higher than the established speed threshold set by the certified operator, a digital image of the vehicle is recorded.</p>
How do I know the camera was functioning properly at the time of my violation?	<p>The entire system undergoes a thorough self-check prior to and at the end of each deployment. The results of the testing are captured in the computer and are recorded. The cameras will only operate if all the components are working properly and will automatically shut down in the event an error is detected. The equipment must then be re-tested and manually re-started before recording additional images.</p>
When and how often is the automated speed enforcement systems calibrated?	<p>Maryland Law and Regulations:</p> <p>Maryland law requires the speed detection equipment to undergo an annual calibration check performed by an independent calibration laboratory.</p>

	<p>Additionally, Maryland law requires the system operator to complete a set-up log that states the date and time when, and the location where the system was set up and that the operator successfully performed and the device passed, manufacturer-specified self-tests before producing a recorded image. The set-up log and these self-testing procedures are completed prior to a deployment</p> <p>No school zone speed control system will be used for enforcement unless the operator has completed all required set-up logs, the system has passed all manufacturer-specified self-tests, and the system is operating properly.</p> <p>Self-Test Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuning fork test for radar unit • Test photo • Manufacturer self-test sequence
How can I pay a citation?	<p>Unless your tag number has been flagged by the City of Crisfield, you can pay by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail a check or money order to: The City of Crisfield Automated Speed Enforcement Program P.O. Box 5046 Hagerstown, MD 21741 • Online by Credit Card: ategwebpay.com • By phone: 443-749-8841 <p>If your registration has been flagged, only certified funds are accepted.</p>
What is the procedure for mailing my citation payment?	<p>If you wish to pay a citation by mail, your check or money order must be made payable to: THE CITY OF CRISFIELD</p> <p>Please write the citation number and vehicle tag number on your check or money order. Mail your remittance stub along with your check to:</p> <p>The City of Crisfield Automated Speed Enforcement Program P.O. Box 5046 Hagerstown, MD 21741.</p>
My check was returned. Do I	

owe any additional fees? Can I use another check for repayment?	The City of Crisfield will process returned checks and update citation paid amount and send notification to citizen in iP360. A \$25 returned check fee will be applied. A personal check will not be accepted again, violations can be paid via certified check, money order or credit card.
What happens if I do not pay a citation?	If you fail to pay the citation in full by the due date, your vehicle registration may be flagged and subject to refusal or suspension. If your registration is flagged, you may owe additional flagging fees.
What if I lost my citation?	You may call Crisfield Automated Speed Enforcement information at: 443-749-8841
Why did I get a citation?	A vehicle, registered or leased to you, was photographed exceeding the posted speed limit by at least 12 miles per hour. Vehicles exceeding the posted maximum speed limit are detected automatically and two photographs are taken. On each photograph are the date, time, location and speed of vehicle when the violation occurred.
Is this citation a "Traffic Ticket"?	No. This citation is not considered a "moving violation." It is a civil citation holding the registered owner or lessee responsible for the violation (similar to a parking ticket). No points can be assessed for this violation and it will not raise your insurance rates.
Can I contest this violation?	Yes. You may request to appear in District Court by returning the completed form, on the bottom of the notice you received, at least five days prior to the Date Due shown on the front of the notice. If you appear in Court, the maximum amount you can be charged is \$40.00 and court cost. You will be notified by mail of the court date. If you do not receive a notice within 30 days, call Crisfield's Speed Enforcement at : 443-749-8841
If I decide to pay my fine am I still eligible for a court date?	No. Payments are considered admission of liability, and it is deemed that the citizen has waived his/her right to a hearing.

How do I cancel a court date?	A court date can be cancelled via a telephone call or written request proper to the scheduled court date.
Can I request the operator of the camera to be present at court?	Yes- Send your request in writing to: The City of Crisfield Automated Speed Enforcement Program, P.O. Box 5046 Hagerstown, MD 21741. All Request must be received (20) days prior to your scheduled court date.
Can I be represented by an attorney?	Yes
How do I have the flag removed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay the total amount due on ALL citations. • Obtain a VR119 flag release form • Provide to MVA a copy of the VR119 form, which informs them to release the registration flag.
What do I do if my vehicle or registration plates were stolen?	The citizen must submit a copy of the police report or documentation from MVA listing date of cancellation of stolen items. If the date on the police report is before the violation date or the vehicle or tags were not retrieved before the violation date, the citation will be dismissed. If the violation date does not match time frame of police report the citizen is responsible for payment.
What if I was not driving the vehicle?	<p>Liability for citations ultimately rest with the registered owner. The registered owner has the right to identify the person who was in care, custody or control of the vehicle at the time of the speeding violation. The registered owner must provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sworn written statement sent certified mail / Return Receipt Requested • The citation number • Any other corroborating evidence, which may include the name, address, and driver's license number of the person driving the vehicle at the time of the violation.

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